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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Examiner	Art Unit		
Ellen C. Tran	2134		

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communication: 7 November 2005 with acknowledgement of an original application filed 26 January 2001.
2. Claims 1-8 are currently pending in this application. Claim 1 is an independent claim.
3. Previous rejections are withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language

5. **Claims 1-8** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Greene U.S. Patent No. 6,870,929 (hereinafter ‘929).

As to independent claim 1, “A hardware implementation of a crypto-function comprising: a first register storing data to be encrypted or decrypted;” is taught in ‘929 col. 4, lines 6-31;

“a second register for receiving data which has been encrypted or decrypted” is shown in ‘929 col. 5, lines 1-5;

“and combinational logic performing computation iterations of the crypto-function on data stored in the first register and outputting data to said second register in a single hardware cycle” is disclosed in ‘929 col. 5, lines 6-12 (Note “combinational logic performing computation iteration of the crypto-function” is interpreted to have the same meaning as ‘a

number of cipher stages”, also note “a single hardware cycle” is interpreted to have the same meaning as ‘an encryption circuit’).

As to dependent claim 2, “wherein the crypto-function is a block cipher algorithm” is taught in ‘929 col. 6, lines 58-67.

As to dependent claim 3, “wherein the crypto-function is the Data Encryption Standard (DES) algorithm” is shown in ‘929 col. 6, lines 58-67.

As to dependent claim 4, “wherein the crypto-function is the CHAIN algorithm” is disclosed in ‘929 col. 6, lines 58-67.

As to dependent claim 5, “wherein the combinational logic performs an invertible key-dependent round function iterated a predetermined number of times” is taught in ‘929 col. 7, lines 7-21 and col. 7, line 62 through col. 8, line 4.

As to dependent claim 6, “wherein the combination logic performs mixing, permutation and key-dependent substitution in each round” is shown in ‘929 col. 7, lines 7-21 and col. 8, lines 6-32.

As to dependent claim 7, “wherein the combinational logic enciphers a block by performing an initial permutation of a block to be enciphered and then a complex key-dependent computation followed by a permutation which is an inverse of the initial permutation” is disclosed in ‘929 col. 7, lines 51-67.

As to dependent claim 8, “wherein the combinational logic deciphers a block by performing deciphering using the same key as used to encipher the block in a process that is an inverse of the enciphering process” is taught in ‘929 col. 10, lines 8-17.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ellen C Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3842. The examiner can normally be reached from 6:00 am to 2:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory A Morse can be reached on (571) 272-3838. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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